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TAGS: OEXC PA (SAMANIEGO, ALBERTO, COL.)

1. COL. ALBERTO SAMANIEGO, 51, DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, MINDEFENSE, NEXT EMBASSY NOMINEE FOR REGULAR '77 IV PROGRAM. THIS SPECIAL CASE IN WHICH NOMINEE'S MILITARY BACKGROUND SHOULD BE OVERLOOKED BECAUSE OF HIS KEY CIVILIAN POSITION IN APPROVING AND COORDINATING ALL GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES WITH RESPECT PARAGUAY'S 50-100 THOUSAND UNASSIMILATED INDIANS. SAMANIEGO HAS BEEN COMMENDED FOR HIS ENERGY, DEDICATION AND ENLIGHTENED ATTITUDE IN HIS PERFORMANCE IN AN ESSENTIALLY CIVILIAN OFFICE WHICH HE WILL PROBABLY OCCUPY UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT. GIVEN THE HISTORY OF THE INDIAN PROBLEM HERE, ITS RELATIONSHIP TO THE BROADER HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE AND THE INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION IT HAS GENERATED WARRANT OUR SPECIAL CONSIDERATION. FULL JUSTIFICATION TO FOLLOW.

2. PRIMARY FOCUS OF VISIT WOULD BE TO STUDY U.S. EXPERIENCE IN DEALING WITH INDIAN MINORITIES. PROGRAM COULD BE COORDINATED THROUGH DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, BUREAU INDIAN AFFAIRS.

3. VISA ELIGIBILITY OK.

4. ESCORT INTERPRETER REQUIRED.

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